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NEWSLETTER

Hello and Welcome Family and Friends  
Thornleigh West Public School

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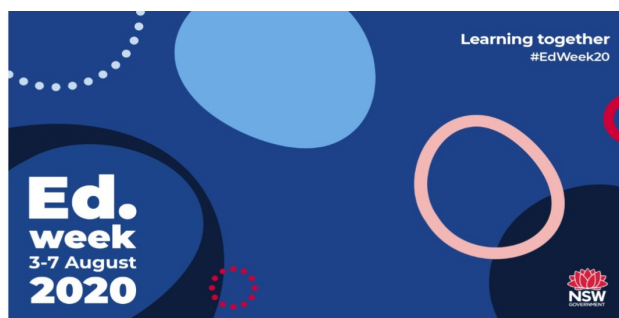
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## This week's update

Dear Parents and Caregivers,



## Happy Education Week!

The theme for Education Week 2020 is **Learning Together**.

The theme reflects an incredible year for Thornleigh West Public School students, staff and parents, and the partnerships that have been strengthened in response.

This Education Week, we embrace the whole Thornleigh West Public School community, highlighting the achievements of our school.

Education Week usually provides the opportunity for us to welcome the community to see firsthand the magic of learning. The TWPS team look forward to opening their classrooms again and let's hope that is soon. This week we celebrate a little differently - learning together with our students, parents, teachers, and the community. In this year of bushfires, no electricity and COVID-19 it has been challenging yet rewarding.

### **TWPS is the cornerstone of our community**

Parents and carers you are our partners in learning. Schools and families benefit from strong, respectful relationships where responsibility for student learning is shared. This year has proven this. Thank you for your support in helping us deliver quality teaching and learning online. You have ensured your children continued learning while juggling work commitments. We admire you!

### **Change and resilience**

Our teachers and students are lifelong learners, collaborating in a positive learning environment to achieve their best. Learning together makes us strong and creates resilient communities.

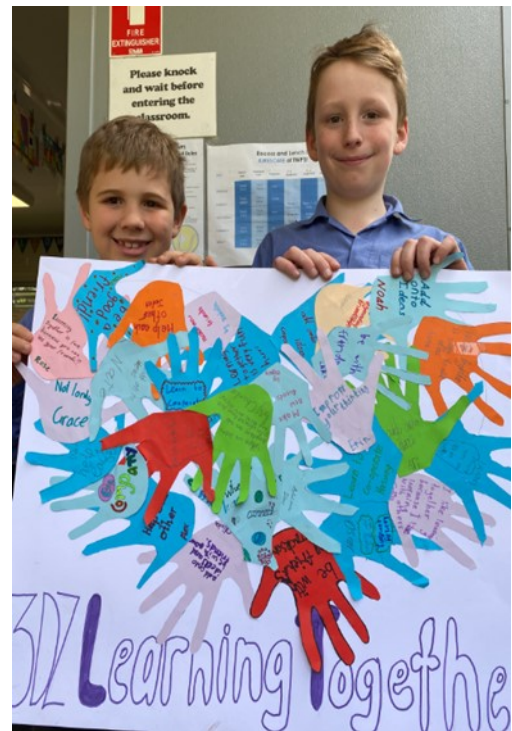
I am super proud of all the TWPS teachers who completely changed their pedagogy. They continuously reflected and improved during this crisis. No one prepared the staff for this situation. All staff and

students displayed resilience. During this phase, we kept people safe and connected. The staff addressed the immediate challenges and secured the continuum of learning. In the next phase, teachers adapted and shared their resourcefulness. Teachers pivoted and took regular pulse checks to ensure students received the best learning outcomes. There were rapid cycles of testing and learning.

We are now in the opportunity phase. Reflecting on the last four months and capturing our experiences is important to build back better. We have captured emerging practises and we are currently cleansing and simplifying many aspects of TWPS. There will be some changes. This will help us weave through lines to brighter learning futures.

The teachers thank you for providing them with the opportunity, indeed the great privilege, of educating your children.

I look forward to continuing to learn together.



Have a great week

Chantal Mamo

BTeach BEd MA Creative Arts

## Deputy's Message

### Attendance

Daily attendance at school is crucial in providing opportunities to learn in a regular way to build skills, practice and consolidate knowledge and to also develop valuable social connections and belonging. The information shows how quickly regular missed attendance can add up to be a significant loss.

NSW Department of Education

### Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

education.nsw.gov.au



### Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

**1** day per fortnight  
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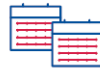
= **4** weeks



= Over **1** year missed

**1** day per week  
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= **8** weeks



= Over **2.5** years missed

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### Citizenship

Our virtual assemblies are a way we are keeping active in sharing initiatives through our Student Representative Council (SRC) and Environment Captains (EC) and also a chance to recognise the continuing wonderful efforts, attitude and achievements of our students K-6.

We are so very proud of you! It was terrific to acknowledge your consistent application to learning, the lovely way you are friendly to others and how you make good choices in the classroom and playground. This week we say congratulations to:

Hannah E	2BE	Bronze
Lucy G	2D	Bronze
Eamon M	5E	Silver
Matthew N	5E	Silver
Olivia B	5E	Silver
Rohan S	5E	Silver
Rhea J	3F	Bronze
Evelyn M	2D	Bronze
Leila T	2D	Bronze
Noah N	6L	Silver
Hasung B	3DZ	Bronze



**Parent Teacher Interviews**  
**Bookings Open this Friday 7 August**

**Parent teacher interviews will be conducted 17 - 28 August.**

These interviews are an opportunity to discuss the Semester 1 report and/or your child's progress.

Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au).

There are two groups of classes using unique parent codes.

This group will be making **phone interviews**.

5E & KR will use code: **zv3ke**

This group will be making **zoom interviews**.

KG, KP, KB, 1C, 1CM, 1H, 1B, 2D, 2BE, 2GM, 3F, 3DZ, 3YT, 3/4C, 4B, 4C, 5CD, 5W, 6B, 6L, 6S.

You will need a zoom account to access the interview. Use code: **rdxt5**

Enter the code and click "Go"

A screenshot of a Zoom interface showing a text input field with the placeholder text "Enter code..." and a green "GO" button to its right. The entire input area is highlighted with a thick green border.

We encourage all families to book in and make a time to discuss student progress. Thank you for being partners in learning.

**Bookings will close on Friday 14 August.**

**Support Unit** Students will be having phone interviews.

Support Unit teachers of classes 1/2N, 2/3/4W and 4/6CK will contact parents directly to make interview times.

Any further enquiries please contact us at school on 9484 4242.

With kind regards,  
Julie Granville  
Deputy Principal

## Public Speaking

Our wonderful Stage 2 students participated in an in-school public speaking competition in Term 2. This term, two finalists from each class presented their speech in the hall in front of all of Stage 2. We had two fantastic hosts from 6S, Alia and Daniel - thank you for helping to run this event for us, it is so nice to have peers be a part of this.

3F	Juliet J	Eloise Y
3DZ	Noah T	Erin F
3YT	Justin T	Michiko P
3/4C	Alyssa B	Eliza M
4B	Isabella R	Victoria L
4C	Alex G	Lucia N



Students should all be so proud of themselves. Some achievements which stood out are:

- Expression and volume of voice when presenting
- Sequence of content
- Originality of ideas
- Engaging and entertaining for the audience

Thank you to the parents who were able to join us via zoom, it was wonderful to have you be part of this event from the comfort of home or work.

Thank you to Mrs Granville and Mrs Liddle who adjudicated our speech presentations, they had a very challenging decision to decide one Year 3 winner and one Year 4 winner.

Congratulations to our TWPS winners:

Year 3: Highly commended – Noah Tajer      Winner – Alyssa Bolger

Year 4: Highly commended – Alex Garforth      Winner – Victoria Long

Thank you

Nicole Dowd

Stage 2 Assistant Principal



## **SRC Pyjama Day**

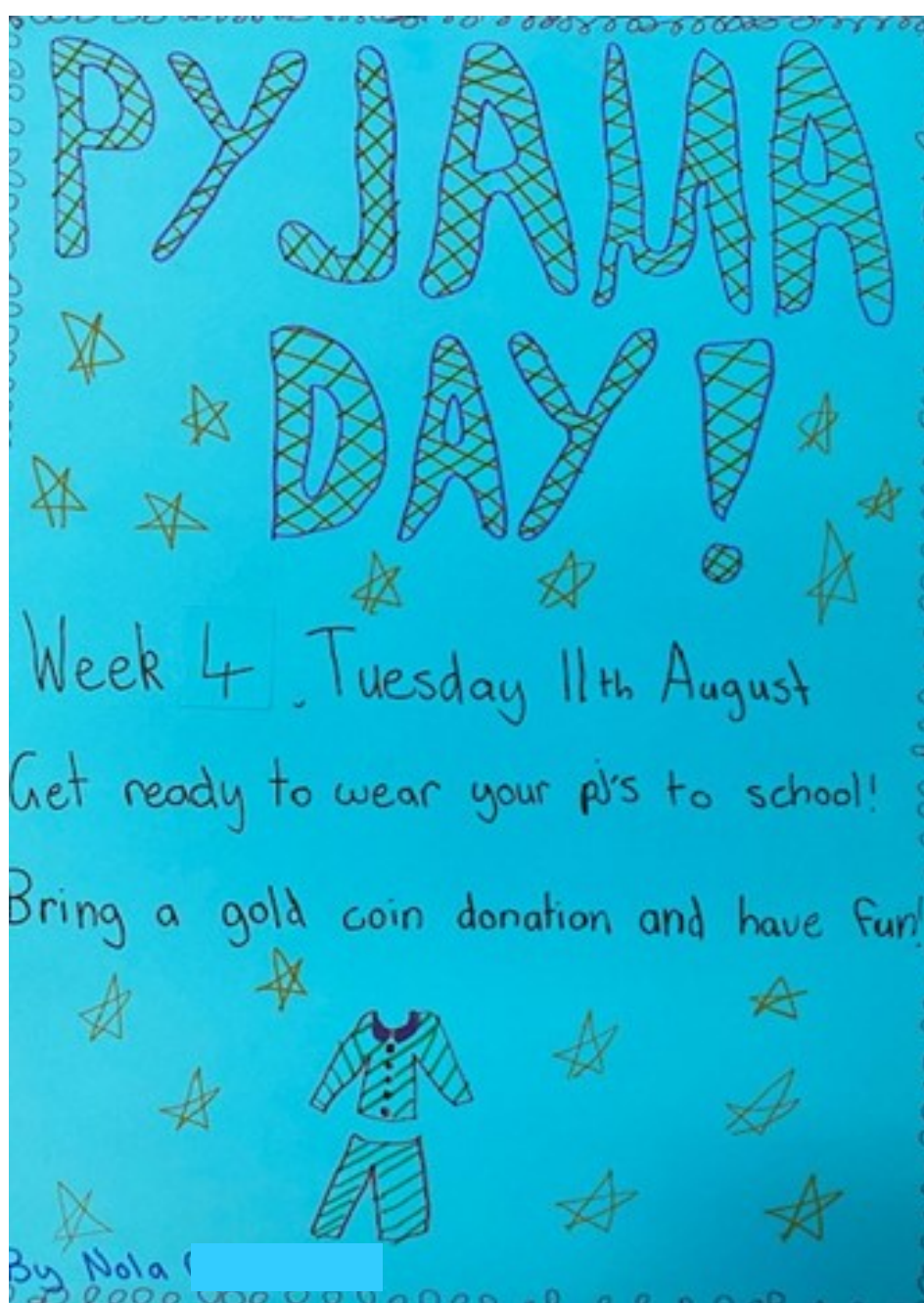
The SRC will be having a pyjama day to raise funds for their chosen charity.

**When: 11 August**

**What: Wear your pyjamas**

**(must wear sneakers no slippers)**

**Details: Bring a gold coin to your classroom teacher**



## Enrolment News from the Department of Education



Education

### New Online Enrolment System from Monday, 10 August 2020

The Online Enrolment System is designed to provide flexibility for our parents to submit an enrolment application online and at the time that best suits you. The application can be accessed on all browsers and mobile devices including iOS and Android.

The online application process is currently restricted to:

- Enrolments into **local** schools only
- Children who are Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or permanent residents
- Children who live in NSW

We offer our support and encourage you to complete your application to enrol online. If, however, you do not feel comfortable completing an application online, a paper copy will be available via the school website or can be downloaded from the Department's [going to a public school site](#).

Further information about online enrolment can be found on the Department's website [here](#)



## School Crossing Supervisor Needed



# Part-Time Work

1x Permanent Part-Time position – Thornleigh West Public School – 5477

## Help protect our vibrant school communities

### Become a School Crossing Supervisor!

- Keep our kids, parents and teachers safe on the road
  - Be a second pair of eyes for our local motorists
- Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest

School crossings require 20 hours of supervising per fortnight. Shifts fall between 8.15am - 9:15am and 2.30pm-3.30pm, Monday to Friday during the school term.

### Does this sound like you?

- ✓ Reliable in good or bad weather
- ✓ Good communication skills
  - ✓ Community spirit
  - ✓ Positive energy

If it does, visit [iworkfor.nsw.gov.au](http://iworkfor.nsw.gov.au) to apply today!

Applications close: Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020



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